

TOPSAIL BASEBALL CLUB

Evaluation and Draft Rules & Regulations

The goal of the first year of these Evaluation and Draft Rules & Regulations is to establish parity between teams from the outset. During year two and all subsequent years of this set of rules and regulations, each established team regardless of Manager can elect to keep up to six returning players starting the rookie year. If a Manager moves up, down or stops managing the new Team Manager inherits the rights of team upon being appointed by the Executive Board.

A parent can request their player be returned to the draft. If a player is returned to the draft the player will be evaluated a scored with all other draft eligible players, but cannot be drafted by the last team he played for in that respective Division. If the player is returned to the draft and is changing Division any team in that new division can draft that player.

After the Draft is complete (for year one only) the teams will be randomly placed in a linear fashion for the development of Major, Minor, Rookie farm teams. Division by Division linearity will foster farm team development for both player's, managers and coaches.

Tee Ball will be exempt from all Evaluation and Draft Rules and Regulations as all Tee Ball players and teams will be assigned randomly by the Player Agent.

If there is a need to expand a division due to player availability the Player agent and Executive Board will:

1. Assign a Team Manager for each new team
2. The new team(s) will be allowed to fill the team(s) roster during the draft until it reaches the minimum roster level as compared to the other teams in the division.
3. After the new team reaches the minimum player level the Standard Draft order will take precedence.

If there is a need to contract a division due to player availability the Player agent and Executive Board will automatically return all players from the contracted team to the evaluation and draft.

THE PLAYER AGENT - The draft is moderated and presided over by the Player Agent (or a Board officer in their place, as directed by the President). The decisions of the Player Agent are final.

Perform duties as specifically set forth below and other such duties, which may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

- a) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility.
- b) Provide Player Lists to Division Commissioners and assist with try-out preparation.
- c) Prepare and summarize all player evaluations from tryouts for the draft(s).
- d) Conduct, with the assistance of the T-ball Commissioner, team formation and assignment process for all teams with equality and fairness of the game as the major objective.
- e) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- f) Prepare the Player Agent's list player list by Division.
- g) Preside over the Evaluation and Draft Process as defined in these Rules and Regulations
- g) Coordinate with Division Commissioners in responding to player-related complaints, disputes and concerns, except for the division in which the player agents' child participates.

TEAM MANAGER – Prior to the draft process TBC will assess and assign team managers. All individuals expressing an interest in managing a team will be required to submit an application to the TBC Executive board at least three weeks prior to the evaluation process. The TBC executive board will assess each applicants application and assign managers based experience, volunteerism, and commitment to TBC and its goals.

ASSISTANT COACHES - In accordance with TBC rules, there is only one pre-selection or assignment of a coach and coach's child to a Manager. Managers will state their preferred Coaching partner prior to the draft and the Player Agent will indicate which round that Coach's player would be drafted in, based on Skills Evaluation results and assigned by the Player Agent. Managers must draft that player during normal draft process during the assigned round.

EVALUATION -

- All players will be evaluated and scored by all available Managers in the respective Division, and the Commissioner of that Division.
- In the event a player is not able to attend the Scheduled Evaluation period, the player will be discussed by the Team Managers and Commissioner for that level and a score will be assigned just prior to the draft. In the event the players' skill level is not known, that player will be drawn randomly by the player agent at the end of the regular Draft and assigned to the next team in the draft schedule. All players that do not have a evaluation score will be assigned to teams in this manner until the draft is complete and we have no more players in that division.
- Each Manager can bring one adult guest to assist in the evaluation process
- All Managers scores and the Divisional Commissioner are then collected and averaged for each player by the Player Agent
- All players are then grouped by score within a predetermined point margin by draft round by the Player Agent
- The total number of draft rounds will be determined by the Player Agent for each division based on total number of teams and players
- All players within draft round are then grouped by position by the Player Agent in the following order to establish the final draft pool distinctions
 1. Pitching
 2. First Base
 3. Catcher

DRAFT ATTENDANCE - Each Division Manager may invite one adult guest to assist them with the draft. Player Agent, Commissioner, Division VP and other necessary board members may attend the draft. Players may not attend the draft process at any time.

PLAYER NOTIFICATION - When the draft is complete, trading period ends and the Player Agent has finalized the rosters, all managers will be notified that they may contact the players on their respective rosters. **Do not contact any drafted player until you are authorized in writing by the Player Agent.** Violation of this rule is cause for Suspension of the Manager.

CONFIDENTIALITY - The Draft is kept completely confidential, including Skills Evaluation results, player draft order and trades. Each individual attending the draft is responsible for maintaining confidentiality of the draft and draft materials. All draft materials must be returned to the Player Agent at the conclusion of the draft. Violation of this rule by a Manager or their invited guest is cause for Suspension of the Manager.

DRAFT POOL - The Draft Pools are established by the Player Agent in consultation with the Executive Board after player evaluations are completed.

DRAFT POOL CANDIDATES - A list containing all candidates for the Division draft, along with their player number, name, skills evaluation scores, pitching rank and composite score, "expected" draft round - sorted into descending order by composite score, will be provided to all Managers prior to the commencement of the Draft.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY UP – Only players that have played up a prior season are eligible to play up the following season within that division. Any player that would like to play up that has not played up a prior season must be evaluated and scored at least in the mean of all players for that division.

PLAYER OPTIONS - Player Option arrangements to be made with the Player Agent for specific circumstances including:

- **Drafting siblings** - once one sibling is drafted an option can be placed on another sibling but the Manager must draft the sibling in the very next round or lose the option
- **Manager's and 1st Assistant's own children** must be drafted onto their team by the draft round determined ahead of time by the Player Agent, based on the player's overall ranking in the Skills Evaluation results.
 - In no case will the player(s) be drafted later than the requirements, based on the players' placement by the Player Agent.
 - The Player Agent will ensure the player is selected by the specified round.
 - The Manager or 1st Assistant Coach can request their player be returned to the draft for evaluation and re-drafted to their team. The player is returned to the draft so player will be evaluated and scored with all other draft eligible players. The team Manager will be required to draft the player(s) during the Players Agent designated draft round order as the Standard Draft Process applies to the Managers or coaches players.

STANDARD DRAFT PROCESS - The draft process will be used for each Division

The Player Agent will call the Draft to order.

- **DRAFT ORDER** - The Draft Order by Divisional Manager is established by random selection. This will establish a Randomized order throughout the draft.
- The draft order drawing will determine the order just prior to the draft.
- All available candidates will be made available for viewing, either on paper or projected on a screen, or both.
 - The first team with a draft pick will have 1 minute to make that selection. The period to make the selection will start when the Player Agent states, "(team name), you are now on the clock."
 - If no selection has been made with 15 seconds remaining, the Player Agent will announce the time remaining in the selection, announcing again at the five-second mark.
 - If no selection is forthcoming at the end of the one minute window, the Player Agent will assign the player with the next highest composite score from the Skills Evaluation list to that team.
 - Teams with two consecutive selections may not combine the 1-minute time limits.
- Teams make their selections by announcing the player number and the name of the player. After a selection has been made, the Player Agent will repeat back the number and the name to ensure accuracy.
- Each following selection will have the same one minute time limit
- All teams must select a player in every round and maintain a full roster at all times during the season.
- Each Manager can elect to draft out of order "downward only two times". If a Manager draft's out of order, the next team to draft will have the option to select any player(s) that were skipped in that round, or a prior round, or move to the next round in the draft as long as that draft round has been opened by the players agent and is available.

The ongoing draft selections and remaining available players will be available for all Managers to view.

TRADES - Trades are allowable in the period immediately following the draft until 11:00 PM the following night. To complete a trade, an e-mail from one manager to the Player Agent and CC'ing the other involved manager(s). All teams in the trade must have 12 players on their respective rosters and no trade is final until

the Player Agent approves the trade. Trades must be like for like skill levels, along with an explanation of reasons for the trade. There is a limit of two trades per team.